

Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes
May 24 2006
1230 p.m.
Statehouse, Rm 437, Legal & Veterans Committee Room

Chairman McHale called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m..

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Peter Danton, W. Lawrence Hall and Cushing Samp (Michael Peters absent due to ill health.)

Staff members present: Exec. Director Robert Welch, Auditor Scott Woods, Lt. Patrick Fleming, Sgt. Robin Parker and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

Legal counsel: Melissa O'Dea, Ass't Attorney General

- **Review of Minutes from the April 26, 2006 meeting.**

Motion: Peter Danton motioned to accept the minutes.

Second: Cushing Samp

Vote: 4-0

- **Executive Director Report – Robert Welch**

(1) LD #1748 has been passed, which includes the retroactive pay of per diem for each board member.

(2) **Policy** re: Meter Reconciliation. This conflict has occurred a few times, but is much less than in the beginning between Hollywood Slots, Scientific Games and us.

(3) **Policy** re: Meeting Notification. Notices will no longer be sent to the newspaper, as it is not required as long as we have due notice on the Legislative Calendar, Governor's website, email notification and the Gambling Control Website.

Motion: Peter Danton made a motion to accept the above Policies as written by Mr. Welch

Second: Larry Hall

Vote: 4-0

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods, Auditor**

The reconciliation between Hollywood Slots, the monitoring system (Sci Games) and us as reported above, is much better now. Mr. Woods continues to work with Bruce Badger, CFO for Hollywood Slots on the day to day issues which for the most part go very smoothly.

- **Update on State Police Activity – Sgt. Robin Parker**

Since the last Board meeting on April 26th, State Police personnel have processed 75 applications, (many of which are renewals) bringing the total of applications processed by staff since fall of 2005, to 359. The State Police unit for the Gambling Control Board investigated a case of a counterfeit bill, which was not due to any employees impropriety, a fluke incident.

- **Unfinished Business**

Wiring of the Gambling Control Board Room – Mr. Welch has the Public Safety Computer Division, working on this with him. One of the pieces that needs to be purchased costs more than originally deemed in the capitol equipment fund, so it will have to wait until the new budget year.

Discussion ensued about moving the Gambling Board meetings back to Public Safety (DPS) by Mr(s). Danton and Hall. Decision arrived at by the board to meet at DPS again, unless the Board votes to hold a particular meeting in a different location.

- **New Business**

Mr. Woods is attending two classes on Casino Auditing I&II at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in June. The course is accredited and costs approximately \$3300.

Proposed Rules: Mr. Welch provided the Board with the language written for changes to some of the current Rules. The decision was made to craft a definition of “machine malfunction” which will be done by he and Melissa O’Dea. Other rules were discussed as to language changes, which were mailed out previously to the Board for their consideration prior to today’s meeting.

Motion: Peter Danton made a motion to proceed to the Rulemaking Process as prescribed by law.

Second: Cushing Samp

Vote: 4-0.

- **Public Comments**

Bruce Badger, CFO for Hollywood Slots addressed the Board. He relayed to the board a floor plan which is a proposed different layout than what was originally approved in order to take out some denomination type of machines and put in some new ones with different denominations. Mr. Welch advised that he had studied the floor plan and saw no safety issues associated with the change.

Motion: Peter Danton voted to accept the new floor plan with the proposed changes

Second: Larry Hall

Vote: 4-0.

****Next meeting date set for June 14, 2006 at 1230 at the Department of Public Safety, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta in the Gambling Control Board Room.**

Motion: Peter Danton motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Larry Hall

No vote taken.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kathy Chamberlain, Secretary
Gambling Control Unit**